

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 16–20, 390–398, S.J. Res. 8, and S. Res. 58–62.

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Measures Reported:

S. Res. 59, authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.

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Measures Passed:

Committee Funding Resolutions Reporting: Senate agreed to S. Res. 58, authorizing the reporting of committee funding resolutions for the period March 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013.

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Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act: Senate passed H.R. 307, to reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Read Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 61, designating March 1, 2013, as “Read Across America Day”.

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Authorizing Production of Records: Senate agreed to S. Res. 62, to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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Measures Considered:

Sequester Replacement—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 16, to provide for a sequester replacement.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of February 27, 2013, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, February 28, 2013.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, February 28, 2013, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 16, to provide for a sequester replacement; that if cloture is not invoked, the motion to proceed be withdrawn, and Senate then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 388, to appropriately limit sequestration, to eliminate tax loopholes; that if cloture is invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 16, the motion to proceed be agreed to and Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 388, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 388; that if cloture is invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 388, the motion to proceed be agreed to; that if the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 16, was previously agreed to, Senate then resume consideration of S. 16, and upon disposition of S. 16, the Senate resume consideration of S. 388, if the motion to proceed was previously agreed to.

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American Family Economic Protection Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 28, 2013, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 388, to appropriately limit sequestration, to eliminate tax loopholes.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 71 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 25), Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Jannette Lake Dates, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2016.

Bruce M. Ramer, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2018.

Stephen J. Hadley, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years.

Vincent G. Logan, of New York, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior.

Geoffrey R. Pyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to Ukraine.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, and Marine Corps.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—25) Page S923

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:59 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S957.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after

receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

POWER OF TRANSPARENCY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the power of transparency, focusing on giving consumers the information they need to make smart choices in the health insurance market, after receiving testimony from Margaret O'Kane, National Committee for Quality Assurance, Lynn Quincy, Consumers Union, and E. Neil Trautwein, National Retail Federation, all of Washington, DC; and Michael A. Livermore, New York University School of Law Institute for Policy Integrity, New York, New York.

ANIMAL DRUG USER FEE AGREEMENTS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine animal drug user fee agreements, focusing on advancing animal health for the public health, after receiving testimony from Bernadette M. Dunham, Director, Center for Veterinary Medicine, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Richard Carnevale, Animal Health Institute, Washington, DC; and Jennifer Johansson, Generic Animal Drug Alliance, Bel Air, Maryland.

ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the assault weapons ban of 2013, including S. 150, to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, after receiving testimony from former Representative Sandy Adams; John F. Walsh, United States Attorney for the District of Colorado, Department of Justice; Mayor Michael A. Nutter, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of The United States Conference of Mayors; Edward A. Flynn, Milwaukee Chief of Police, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; William Begg, Danbury Hospital, and Neil Heslin, both of Newtown, Connecticut; Nicholas J. Johnson, Fordham University School of Law, New York, New York; and David T. Hardy, Law Offices of David Hardy, Tucson, Arizona.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jane Kelly, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Harkin, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: On Friday, February 8, 2013, Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 113th Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Special Committee on Aging: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 113th Congress.

Also, on Tuesday, February 26, 2013, Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee.

MEDICARE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening Medicare for today and the future, after receiving testimony from Juliette Cubanski, The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, and David Blumenthal, The Commonwealth Fund, both of Washington, DC; David C. Goodman, Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice, Lebanon, New Hampshire; and Kenneth E. Thorpe, Emory University, Marietta, Georgia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 33 public bills, H.R. 845–877; 1 private bill, H.R. 878; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 86–88 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ros-Lehtinen to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:19 p.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Ronald Derrick, American Legion National Chaplain, Rigby, Idaho.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 293 yeas to 119 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 53.

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Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 83, the rule that is providing for consideration of S. 47, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, by a yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 52, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 51.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:28 p.m. and reconvened at 3:14 p.m.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, February 28th.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H697.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear

on pages H683, H683–84 and H684. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FY 2014 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the Library of Congress FY 2014 Budget. Testimony was heard from James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress.

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Resources for Risk-Based Security, Transportation Security Administration Budget. Testimony was heard from John Pistole, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Oversight of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. Testimony was heard from JoEllen Darcy, Assistant Secretary, Army for Civil Works; and Lt. General Thomas P. Bostick, Chief of Engineers.

APPROPRIATIONS—INDIAN EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Indian Education. Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; George A. Scott, Director, Education,

Workforce and Income Security Issues, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

APPROPRIATIONS—CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE FY 2014 BUDGET

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Congressional Budget Office FY 2014 Budget. Testimony was heard from Doug Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

TRANSITION IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on the transition in Afghanistan: Views of Outside Experts. Testimony was heard from Catherine Dale, Specialist in International Security, Congressional Research Service; and public witnesses.

IMPACT TO MILITARY END STRENGTH IN A BUDGET CONSTRAINED ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the impact to military end strength in a budget constrained environment. Testimony was heard from Jessica L. Wright, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; Lieutenant General Howard B. Bromberg, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff G-1, U.S. Army; Vice Admiral Scott R. Van Buskirk, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education, U.S. Navy; Lieutenant General Robert E. Milstead, Jr., USMC, Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, U.S. Marine Corps; and Lieutenant General Darrell D. Jones, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, U.S. Air Force.

THE ROLE OF INTELLIGENCE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the role of intelligence in the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from Michael G. Vickers, Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence, Department of Defense; and Lieutenant General Michael T. Flynn, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

PROTECTING STUDENTS AND TEACHERS: A DISCUSSION ON SCHOOL SAFETY

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Protecting Students and Teachers: A Discussion on School Safety”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BROADBAND STIMULUS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing en-

titled “Is the Broadband Stimulus Working?”. Testimony was heard from Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information and Administration, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; John Padalino, Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture; Ann Eilers, Principal Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation, Office of Inspector General, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

FOSTERING INNOVATION TO FIGHT WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE IN HEALTH CARE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Fostering Innovation to Fight Waste, Fraud and Abuse in Health Care”. Testimony was heard from Peter Budetti, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Kathleen M. King, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Carolyn L. Yocom, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy”. Testimony was heard from Ben Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

ANTI-SEMITISM: A GROWING THREAT TO ALL FAITHS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a joint hearing entitled “Anti-Semitism: A Growing Threat to All Faiths”. Testimony was heard from Katrina Lantos Swett, Commission on International Religious Freedom; and public witnesses.

ISLAMIST MILITANT THREATS TO EURASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia and Emerging Threats; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade held a joint hearing entitled “Islamist Militant Threats to Eurasia”. Testimony was heard from Robert O. Blake, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; Stephen J. Blank, Ph.D., Research Professor of National Security Affairs, U.S. Army War College; and public witnesses.

WAR ON TERROR: WHEN CAN THE U.S. TARGET ALLEGED AMERICAN TERRORISTS OVERSEAS

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Drones and the War On Terror: When Can the U.S. Target Alleged American Terrorists Overseas?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOW E-VERIFY WORKS AND HOW IT BENEFITS AMERICAN EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Protection held a hearing entitled “How E-Verify Works and How it Benefits American Employers and Workers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TIME TO REFORM INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACQUISITION: THE FEDERAL IT ACQUISITION REFORM ACT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Time to Reform Information Technology Acquisition: The Federal IT Acquisition Reform Act”. Testimony was heard from Richard Spires, Chief Information Officer, Department of Homeland Security; Cristina Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

REDUCING FEDERAL TRAVEL AND CONFERENCE SPENDING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and the Census held a hearing entitled “The Road Less Traveled: Reducing Federal Travel and Conference Spending”. Testimony was heard from Representative Rush Holt; Danny Werfel, Controller, Office of Management and Budget; and Cynthia Metzler, Chief Administrative Officer, General Services Administration.

FAILURES IN MANAGING FEDERAL REAL PROPERTY: BILLIONS IN LOSSES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Failures in Managing Federal Real Property: Billions in Losses”. Testimony was heard from David Wise, Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, Government Accountability Office; Dorothy Robyn, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration; and a public witness.

SPACE LEADERSHIP PRESERVATION ACT

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space held a hearing entitled “A Re-

view of The Space Leadership Preservation Act”. Testimony was heard from Representative Frank R. Wolf; Representative John Culberson; and public witnesses.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a meeting on Committee’s Views and Estimates on the Small Business Administration FY 2014 Budget. The Budget Views and Estimates of the Committee were approved.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FAA REAUTHORIZATION AND REFORM ACT: ONE YEAR LATER

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “Implementation of the FAA Reauthorization and Reform Act: One Year Later”. Testimony was heard from Michael Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration.

ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Electronic Health Record U-turn: Are VA and DoD Headed in the Wrong Direction?”. Testimony was heard from Roger W. Baker, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology and Chief Information Office, Department of Veterans Affairs; Jonathan A. Woodson, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Director, TRICARE Management Activity, Department of Defense;

Valerie C. Melvin, Director, Information Management and Technology Resources Issues, Government Accountability Office; and a public witness.

INCREASING ADOPTIONS FROM FOSTER CARE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Increasing Adoptions from Foster Care”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the U.S. Central Command and U.S. Special Operations Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense

Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine addressing the Federal Housing Administration's (FHA), financial condition and program challenges, part II, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine delivery system reform, focusing on a progress report from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), 10:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 150, to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, S. 54, to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking, S. 374, to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, S. 146, to enhance the safety of America's schools, and the nominations of David Medine, of Maryland, to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, Shelly Deckert Dick, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, William H. Orrick III, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Nelson Stephen Roman, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Sheri Polster Chappell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Kenneth John Gonzales, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, Michael J. McShane, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, and Nitza I. Quinones Alejandro, Luis Felipe Restrepo, and Jeffrey L. Schmehl, all to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 10 a.m., SD-216.

Committee on Rules and Administration: business meeting to markup the Omnibus Budget for Senate committees, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation of Military Officer Association of America, Retired Enlisted Association, Non Commissioned Officers Association, Blinded Veterans Association, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Wounded Warrior Project, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, and American Ex-Prisoners of War, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on assuring viability of the sustainment industrial base, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Nuclear Security: Actions, Accountability and Reform, 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on impacts of a continuing resolution and sequestration on acquisition, programming, and the industrial base, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled "Raising the Bar: How are Schools Measuring Teacher Performance?", 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power; and Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, joint hearing entitled "The Nuclear Regulatory Commission: Policy and Governance Challenges", 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled "Overview of U.S. Interests in the Western Hemisphere: Opportunities and Challenges", 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, hearing entitled "Obama Administration's Regulatory War on Jobs, the Economy, and America's Global Competitiveness", 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled "Top Challenges for Science Agencies: Reports from the Inspectors General—Part 1", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade, hearing entitled "Small Business Trade Agenda: Opportunities in the 113th Congress", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, meeting on the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Views and Estimates of the Committee; General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; and other matters, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing entitled "The Proposed Waiver of Work Requirements in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program", 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the state of the United States economy, focusing on economic growth and job creation, and what Congress can do to boost them, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, February 28

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, February 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 388, American Family Economic Protection Act. At a time to be determined, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 16, Sequester Replacement, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 388, American Family Economic Protection Act.

House Chamber

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